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CORDIALS.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.,

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DEATH.

At Wladivostok, on the 5th August, OSCAR

F. SMITH, aged 49 years, of Cancer.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1889.

Our evening contemporary has taken to

its bosom and promulgated in singular

fashion a new and rather startling theory

in the ethics of general commerce. The

philanthropy of this doctrine is undoubted;

but as the love of mankind is not

necessarily, and in actual life is certainly

not regarded as the leading object of any

commercial undertaking, we have to look

for a better and more solid reason to

justify its being regarded as anything

more than a theory. We carefully look for

this justification in the columns of the *China**Mail*, and we fall to discover it. What

we do find is an absurd proposition,

based on the most nonsensical premises

and entirely unsupported either by cogent

argument or reasonable deduction. Our

evening contemporary's latest discovery is

that it is most improper and highly immoral

for any person to start an opposition against

the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock

Company, for the reason that there is

already more than sufficient opposition in

the field and because the Company possesses

docks and plant capable of doing far more

work than it is likely to get for many years

to come." *Enid!*We freely acquit the Editor of the *China**Mail* and the other talented members of his

staff from all personal responsibility for the

thing which served the purpose of a leading

article in Wednesday's issue of that most

immaculate and pulchritudinous journal. The

sum total of the literary ability concentrated

within the walls of the lower

Wyndham Street sanctum may not amount

to an over-powering quantity, and its

quality is doubtless a very long way from

being "over-proof;" but it is surely capable

of better work than that! Our ancient

friend the "outside Commissioner" has

evidently been again let loose and, as usual,

on a congenial theme. Our readers need

not be alarmed; we have no intention of

taking up the cudgels in defence of Mr.

HENRY NORMAN'S "Hongkong and its

Future," nor of following his snarling critic

through the most nauseous and wearisome

tirade of contemptible insinuations and

low personal abuse we have read for

years past. Mr. NORMAN's article, like

his previous observations on Hongkong,

is admittedly wretched stuff, and as

such was quite open to the adverse

criticism of those who considered it even

worthy of notice; but the *China Mail* critic,

not contented with pulverising literary wares

that are public property, must needs aim

his pointless satire at Mr. NORMAN himself.

Nor is this all. We assume that the *Pall**Mail Gazette* Commissioner "interviewed"

the Hon. Mr. CHATER for the purpose

of obtaining all available information

regarding this colony, its past history, its

present position, and its future prospects,

and we doubt not that the honorable

gentleman courteously expressed his views

on the various subjects introduced by

the interviewer. And there is in reality

not so much fault to find with the

subject matter of Mr. NORMAN's latest

contribution to Hongkong literature as

with the writer's imperfect method; the

tale would not have been so bad had it been

better told. But the person who has the

free run of our contemporary's editorial

columns, after somewhat superfluously

repeating that his references to Mr.

NORMAN's work were not made "with the

object of diminishing the reputation" of Mr.

CHATER, deliberately proceeds to attempt

to disparage that gentleman's enterprise

and the good work he has done in the

colony, indulging in his customary weak

insinuations and reflections, varied with

a little congenial mud-throwing, and he does

not even draw the line at offensive and

uncalled-for personalities. He goes the

extreme length of imputing improper

motives, and in so doing gets dangerously

close to that boundary line where the Law

of Libel curbs reckless ignorance and is a

safe check to cowardly malice. But this

China Mail critic could not possibly dim

the reputation of Mr. C. P. CHATER, and

the mud he so liberally throws broadcast

could only find a resting place on *canaille*

of his own class. He has placed himself

in the position of the traditional ass who

in kicking against a wall only succeeded

in kicking himself.

And now to return to the latest definition

of high-toned commercial morality, as

solemnly enunciated under the editorial

auspices of the evening paper. Some time

ago a piece of Government ground at

Yau-ma-tei was put up to public auction at

the instance of, if we mistake not, Messrs.

H. WICKING and G. FENWICK, their intention

being to utilise it for the erection of a

patent slip, engine-shop, etc. Through

some misunderstanding on the part of

these far-seeing speculators the whole

of the land was knocked down to Mr.

C. P. CHATER, who some months since

decided to utilise it for the identical purpose

contemplated by the two gentlemen above

named. A Patent Slip Company was

accordingly projected, and it has been

for weeks an open secret in the colony that

the necessary plant for the new under-

taking had been ordered from England.

For reasons we will not attempt to investi-

gate, this active opposition to the Dock

Company seems to have hurt the tender

susceptibilities of our contemporary's

"leader" writer, and he accordingly

enters a protest based on a doctrine

peculiarly his own. He whines:—

"It is not for us to try into the secret springs

of men's actions, but the history of this affair

(Mr. Chater's refusal to accept the Dock Co's

tender to float the steamer *Arday*) and the

project he has conceived of starting a Patent Slip

Company would lead one to conjecture that

there was some other motive at work than

commercial enterprise and the desire to benefit

Hongkong. Here we have a Dock Company

with large docks and big plant, capable, on

the admission of everyone, of doing far more work

than it is likely to get for years to come. Of

course there is no lack. There are docks

at Nagasaki, Shanghai, Singapore, Amoy, etc.,

all competing with Hongkong, and the Japanese

Government are about to construct a large

new dock near Yokohama. Under these

circumstances the Dock Company will have

a pretty hard struggle to retain its position,

and get its docks fairly well filled, and yet Mr.

Chater comes forward with an opposition com-

pany to divide the profit. Of course he has as

good a right to aim a profit out of repairing ships

as the Dock Company, but he can scarcely

claim that his object is to keep all the work

here, as it will be many a long year before the

Dock Company is compelled to refuse orders.

And seeing Mr. Chater is so enthusiastic for

the welfare of Hongkong, could he not find

some means of employing his capital in a

way which would bring a positive increase

of business to the colony instead of competing

for business that already exists? Can it be

as has been sometimes hinted, that Mr. Chater

has a grudge at (sic) the Dock Company

because one of his rivals happens to be a large

shareholder? We can hardly think so, for to

start an enterprise on (sic) such a motive would

not be worthy of Mr. Chater's honorable record,

and he, we are sure, better than most others

(sic) must know that schemes laid on such a

foundation generally come to grief. Fortune is

a fickle jade, and luck sometimes takes unex-

pected turns.

We are greatly indebted to the author

of the foregoing "deliverance" for the con-

cluding very original and philosophic

observation about fortune being a fickle

jade and luck an occasional uncertainty. There

are tons of solid wisdom in that

assertion, and it is much to be deplored,

for the writer's reputation, that his criticism

(?) did not begin and end with that sentence.

The rest of his ponderous twaddle is

absolutely beneath contempt. We have

italicised a few choice gems which our

readers will thoroughly see through without

any comment on our part; but it will be

news to the community at large that Mr.

CHATER refused the Dock Company's offer

to float the *Arday*, and has since started an

opposition Patent Slip Company "because

one of his rivals (sic) happens to be a large

shareholder." The suggestion is in itself

a gross and clumsy calumny which only

a miserable coward could have hatched,

but which a gentleman in Mr. CHATER's

position can afford to contemptuously

ignore. The author of this novel explana-

tion of the motives which have actuated

the most popular of our public men in his

gigantic business arrangements forcibly

reminds one of "Waltham's calf," a wise

animal that went nine miles to obtain

milk from a bovine of the male sex and

came back a bitch. His method of drawing

utterly irrational and absurd conclusions

from imaginary facts, if not quite in

accordance with recognised practice, is

amusing, if nothing else, and is in every

way worthy of the *China Mail*.

"Mysterious nothing! how shall we define

Thy shapeless, baseless, placeless emptiness!"

TELEGRAMS.

THE STRIKE ENDED.

LONDON, September 6th.

The strike in Liverpool is ended, the dock-

owners having yielded to the demands made.

The leading London wharfingers have also

conceded to the labourers' terms.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A LOT of tradesmen were fined \$50 each by Mr.

Robinson, to-day, for having false balances.

THREE more steam-launches left here for Canton,

yesterday, to join the flotilla early under charter

to His Excellency, the Viceroy.

THE China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Chesoo* was

towed into Shanghai with a broken shaft by the

same Company's steamer *Changsha* on the 1st

